

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1898.

Ex-Senator Sherman may have lost his memory before he was forced ored cruisers, with speed and protective out of the Cabinet, but that he still re tains his common sense is proved by the following statement he made in a recent interview: "We do not want any additional territory; not Hawaii, Cuba, Puerto Rico or the Philippines. All we want is to get out of a war in which we never should have been engaged and return to peaceful avocations." This shows that Mr. Sherman, though old and infirm, when undisturbed and left to himself, has a great deal more good sense and patriotism than those by whom he was duped into resigning his seat in the Senate in order to occupy one in the Cabinet, from which he was deposed when they grew tired of him.

IT Is now announced that the President, in view of the number of troops required to seize and secure foreign territory, is considering the advisability of calling out forty thousand more troops. When a thing has to be done, it should be done at once, in order to save time, trouble and expense. Spain has sent two hundred thousand soldiers to Cuba alone, and that, too, not to conquer, but merely to preserve order in that island. If the United States are to conquer and hold, not only Cuba, but the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and to annex Hawall, instead of forty, Mr. McKinley should call for a quarter million more men, and on the score of economy and humanity, do so immediately.

If those who were wise enough to appreciate the expense, injuries, and dangers that would necessarily be incident to the present war, and were pa triotic enough to oppose it before it commenced, are willing to be taxed to pay its expense and bear its injuries and to let their sons subject themselves to its dangers, surely those who advocated it, should not content themselves with continuing-to support it with their mouths, but should promote it by more tangible evidences of sincerity than breath and the waving of U. S. flags.

THE Petersburg Index-Appeal is one of the few newspapers of the country that has the moral courage to express its convictions in respect of the present injupious war. It says:

This whole Cuban agitation, from first to last, has been very much like a huge bunco scheme of green goods swindling, and Uncle Sam has played the part of the innocent greenhorn with astonishing simplicity. He has obliging-ly taken the fight off the hands of the and they can now well afford to sit down and wait for the chesnuts.

According to Miss Clara Barton, though the war with spain is waged in behalf of the starving reconcentradoes in Cuba, the U.S. government is permitting both Spanish prisoners and Cubans to suffer for food and drink at Key West. But as many crimes are committed in the name of humanity a in that of liberty, Mohammed declared that hypocrites would fare worse than any other rascals in the life beyond the grave; but it is a fair presumption that ately. He had further expressed his they do not believe in any such life.

OF ALL the developments of the present war, in respect of character, the most despicable is that of the Spanish pretender, Don Carlos, who avails himself of the supposed opportunity afforded by his country's troubles at home, while engaged in war with an overwhelming enemy abroad, to seek his own selfish, personal ends. He didn't have many reputable friends before; he should have none now. Low as James of England fell, he was a high-toned gentleman compared with Don Carlos of Spain.

Notwithstanding all the enormous foreign. The question was not settled. expenses of the Spanish war, a bill is Mr. R. N. Harper represented the drug-NOTWITHSTANDING all the enormous now before Congress to provide for a now before Congress to provide for a Assistant District Attorney John deficit of eight million dollars in the Blair of the western district of Virginia, pension fund for the current fiscal year It is hardly wonderful that the poor people of this country, in view of their present and future tax burdens, should be growing reckless and willing to let things go by the board. But to those who have material interests to be preserved, such a condition is by no means agreeable.

ACCOUNTS from the Philippine Isliards, and are threatening all other foroutrage. It is bad enough to go to war | then. in behalf of a civilized and Christian people, but to do so for the relief of those who are unchristianized and barbarous, and of a different race, it is not only unwise, but criminal.

THE protest of the bankers against the new taxes to be imposed upon their business by the proposed war revenue bill, seems to be general throughout the country. But there must be taxes to carry on the war, and surely the bank. the Treasury Department yesterday evening ers, who are rich, should not be exempt

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] WASHINGTON, May 18.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Tracy was at the Navy Department to-day. He said we find ourselves at war with a nation which has little commerce to be destroyed so that the unarmored cruiser has little work to accomplish in the line of its original purpose as a com-merce destroyer, although valuable as an adjunct in any line. In short, we are carrying on what was not expected, an offensive instead of a defensive war, and as a result we ought to have the ships capable of executing offensive warfare. The strength of the Spanish squadron now in southern waters lies in the fact that it has the type of armarmor, suitable for offensive work. We are not only carrying on an offensive warfare, but we are reaching out to the Philippines. The entire theory of a defensive navy, on which our present navy was formed, has been changed by this conflict with Spain and, being changed, the new conditions should be promptly met by Congress.

Secretary Gage sent to Congress today a request for a large increase of clerical force for the office of auditor for the navy department.

Among other nominations sent by the President to the Senate to-day was the following: To be inspector general with rank of major-John G. Evans, of South Carolina.

The total number of volunteers to date, as announced by Adjutant General Corbin to day, amounts to 92,580.

The regiment of infantry which the District of Columbia will furnish to the volunteer army has been fully mustered. Brigadier General Harries reported the fact to the War Department this morning and received orders to proceed to Chickamauga. The regiment prob-

ably will go on Saturday by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which has been given the contract for the trans-

portation.

The Navy Department is completing its arrangements to effect an exchange of prisoners, the purpose being to se-cure the release of the two American newspaper men, Thrall and Jones, now in Morro Castle, where they were lodged after being captured while attempting to make a landing on the Cuban coast. Two of the Spaniards imprisoned at Fort McPherson, Ga. who were captured on the steamer Argonauta, one being a Spanish consul, will be chosen for the exchange providing the arrangements can be completed. The Madrid dispatch pub lished this morning, which seemed to indicate that the Havana authorities are disposed to regard the newspaper prisoners as spies, possibly may interfere with the exchange contemplated, all the arrangements for which were made by the Uncas expedition.

Secretary Alger has sent to Congress a draft of a bill to create in time of war a second assistant Secretary of War with a salary of \$4,000. The Secretary urges the importance in this exigency of immediate action.

There has been no meeting yet be tween the hostile fleets in the neigh borhood of Cuba. That was all that could be learned this morning at the Navy Department.

Frances Aura Alger, the younges daughter of the Secretary of War, and Charles Burrall Pike, of Chicago, son of Eugene S. Pike, one of that city's most energetic and influential citizens, were married at noon to-day at the residence of Secretary Alger. President and Mrs. McKinley were near the welding party during the ceremony as were the Vice President and Mrs. Hobart.

Representative Bromwell, of Ohio. has introduced a joint resolution augents, in the way they planned it, thorizing the return of captured Conederate flags on application of govern ors of States whose troops carried the

It is reported that the Navy Dapartment was informed to-day that the battleshhip Oregon had joined Sampson's squadron.

Judge R. T. W. Dake, jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, here today, denies reports that he had authorized the statement that he would make Gen. Lee a mason "at sight" if requested. He had said, in response to a question by a mason, that he was willing to grant a dispensation under which a Richmond lodge could entertain Gen. Lee's petition and act upon it immediwillingness to confer the degrees himself if requested. Similar dispensations have been granted to members of the Virginia volunteer forces who would be compelled to leave their homes before their petitions could be acted on in

the regular way. Congressman Lanham of Texas will deliver an address to Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans of Richmond on the

There was quite a lively tilt before the House District committee yesterday between the physicians and druggists of this city, during the consideration of the bill regulating the sale of poisons, the ormer wanting to restrict the sale to such as may be ordered by city physician; the latter, to sell on any phy-sician's prescription, whether local or

is here to-day to try to have his salary increased from \$1,200 to \$2,400.

The War Department has decided that because Capt. Craighill of Lynchburg, is commander of a volunteer company, is no reason why he should not be appointed a lieutenant in the U.S. A., and his name will be sent to the President along with those of other applicants.

Messrs. Park Agnew and W. F. Wickham, the chairmen of the two wings of the Virginia republicans, met here yesands are to the effect that the insur- terday evening and were in conference gents there, like those in Cubs, are until midnight on the proposition of making common cause with the Span- the former to effect a coalition. They agreed upon terms which will be submitted to the two committees, and, if egners at Manila with every sort of accepted, be made public, but not till

Captain Willard of Fairfax county was here to-day. He says he has enlisted seventy-five men for his company and anticipates no diffi-culty in obtaining the required nine more. He says he has been ordered to report with his company at Richmond next Sunday. Major General Fitzhugh Lee is here, mak-

ing arrangements for going to Tampa to take command of his corps of the troops to invade

Cuba,

The difference between the collectors of the ports of Norfolk and Newport's News in respect of the captain of a vessel who happened to get into the latter's district by reaon of the quarantine laws, was decided at in favor of the former.
Lient. Young of the 9th U. S. cavalry, col-

from the payment of their share of those taxes. The present war profits those taxes. The present war profits the first but it is the first but it

no body but contractors and ship own- ored man has been given the command of a battalion of troops in the U. S. army.

Col. Baker of the 2d regiment of Virginia
volunteers and several members of the House were at the War Department yesterday even-ing, trying to have Adjutant General Nalle of Virginia appointed brigadier general

NEWS OF THE DAY

Captain General Blanco nominated the colonial cabinet yes erday evening, confirming the former officers.

The Treasury Department announces a number of promotions, among them the following Virginians: Miss Lucy Gary, \$660 to \$770; Mrs. L. W. Washington, \$660 to \$720.

In the House of Lords yesterday the Earl of Kimberley made an indirect attack upon the speech of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain with regard to a possible alliance of England with this country.

The name of Richard Harding Davis which was sent to the Senate May 12 in the list of those nominated for cap tain and assistant adjutant general was withdrawn yesterday by the President for the reason that Mr. Davis declined the appointment.

Secretary Alger yes erday evening received a telegram from General Wesley Merritt, saying: "I desire you to know that the interviews published in New York papers this morning are in every way incorrect and unauthorized. I intended to take no notice of them, but I understand the articles are taken seriously in Washington.

Governor Holcomb, of Nebraska, yesterday authorized William J. Bryan to organize the Third Regiment of Nebraska volunteers. The regiment will be made up of volun'eers from all parts of the State. Mr. Bryan will be placed in command of the regiment a soon as organized, it will be tendered to the United States government. If no call is made it will become a part of the Nebraska Guard.

WAR NOTES.

Admiral Sampson's orders, like those given to Admiral Dewey before the battle of Manila, are to seek and destroy the Spanish fleet. He is under no restraint as to the method to be adopted in forcing a battle, though he has been advised by the strategist board at

Washington as to his course.

A dispatch from Porto Plato, San Domingo, states that it is reported there that the Spanish fleet is at Porto Rico. The fleet is believed at St. Pierre, Martinique, to be heading for Cuba or Porto Rico. General Blanco is expecting it at Havana.

The army of invasion is likely to be started from Tampa in a few days under convoy of ironclads to land in Cuba. Up to last night ninety-three thousand volunteers had been mustered in and many regiments are moving to the points of concentration. There are 12,000 men already at Chickamauga.

Information has reached the authoriies at Washington that the battleship Pelayo and the armored cruiser Carlos V have sailed from Cadiz, not for the Philippines, but for the West Indies, where they are to reinforce Admiral Cervera's command.

Refugees from Havana say that the Cubans in Havana are joining the vol-

unteers by hundreds.

It is semi-officially announced in Madrid that the new Spanish cabinet will probably include Senor Sagasta as premier, Lieutenant-General Correa as minister of war and Vice Admiral Butler as minister of marine.

VIRGINIA EPISCOPALIANS.

The one hundred and third annual council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia began its session in Christ Church, Winchester, this morning, Bishop F. M. Whittle presiding.

In the vestibule of that church there

is a memorial tablet to the memory of Winchester soon after the surrender of Cornwallis, and whose ashes repose beneath Christ Church.

The present diocese has about seventy-five clergy and an equal number of lay delegates.

Preliminary services were held last night and the sermon was preached by Rev. John J. Gravatt, of Richmond.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Daughters of the King convened simultaneously with the council.

ALLEGED FRENCH PROPHECY,-The Paris Patrie continues its violent campaign against Americans. Every form of insult is used, and startling headlines lead its readers to believe sort of anarchy reigns in the United States.

The article, which is headed "Remember," tries to excite public opinion by declaring that in 1870 America congratulated Germany upon its victory over France as the triumph of civilization over barbarism.

The Figaro has a peculiar passage ex tracted from the Compte de Beust's book, entitled "The Last of the Napoleons." which appeared in 1870. Afer blaming Europe for remaining simple spectators of France's oppression in 1870, the Count says:
"Europe entire will suddeuly see the

American eagle, after having ravished the 'Queen of the Antilles' from Spain, begin to meddle with her affairs and weigh down with redoubtable beaviness the monarchial destines of

little old Europe." This prophesy, written twenty-eight years ago, which seems so likely to be fulfilled, is attracting much attention.

GEN. LEE AND THE MASONS .- A dispatch from Richmond says: It is understood from officials high in Masonic circles that there has been a plan on foot to make Gen. Fitzhugh Lee a member of the Grand Lodge without undergoing the usual preliminaries, but and Boston are going to Iloilo, where they the general when approached in regard to the subject, said, while he appreciated the honor, he would prefer being initiated. Grand Master Duke authorized one of the highest officers of the lodge to say to General Lee that he would make him a Mason "at sight." a perceptive which he has the right to exercise, but which has seldom been done. General Lee, after considering the matter, concluded that when he became a Mason, he would rather go through the usual formalities. The general, in his hearty, outspoken manner said: "I appreciate the honor intended, but I do not think it would be treating the rest of the fraternity just right. I hope to be a Mason some day. but I wish to ride the 'billy goat' just like all the other Masons have done. If I should get in through the grand Mas: er's side door many of my Masonic friends might comment."

BERLIN, May 18.—The Prussian Diet was c'osed to-day by Emperor William in person. His speech was wholly devoted to internal

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Virginia police boat is strictly

guarding the waters of this State below Crisfield against Maryland crabbers. Mrs. Eliza Stewart was drowned while attempting to ford the Cowpas-ture river near Millboro' on Wednesday A heavy rain and hail storm did considerable damage to the truck farms in the Norfolk region late Wednesday

night. Memorial Day was observed Lynchburg yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the military companies the exercises were very quiet.

Among the graduates of the National College of Pharmacy in Washington last night, were B. R. Franklin, E. L. Mason and L. L. Tayloe, of Virginia.

The new church building of the Presbyterians in Charlottesville was dedicated Sunday. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. Moore, of Union Theological Seminary.

The democratic committee of the ixth congressional district met in Lynchburg yesterday and decided to hold the congressional convention in Lynchburg on Tuesday, July 12. As yet no opposition to the present Representative, Major Peter J. Otey, has developed.

H. J. Wale, aged 82 years, died in Louisa county Monday. He had been actively connected with republican politics in Louisa ever since his removal there from Culpeper county, and twice represented that county in the Legislature, and was at one time sheriff of the county.

AT CAMP LEE.

A letter from Richmond says the so!dier boys at Camp Lee have seemingly settled themselves down for a long stay there and are making themselves as comfortable as possible, and making the best of their home under the tents. Most of the companies are now doing their own cooking and the grounds are dotted with little frame buildings, roughly put together, and which are used as kitchens. Those who before they joined the army had been wont to complain of home cooking now feel a pang of remorse as they struggle with the viands that come from the company kitchen. However, the boys who preside at the stove improve in their knowledge of the culinary art with each meal and will soon be able to turn out quite a tempting repast.

There are now twenty-six companies in camp. None arrived yesterday and none will arrive until Friday, in order to give the commissary time to make better arrangements for feeding the men.

None of the regiments in yet are in a condition to have battalion or regimental drills, but company drills and equad drills take place every morning and afternoon.

Captain Joseph E. Willard's new

company from Fairfax county will be known as Company I, of the Third Regiment. It is likely that this company will be here by Sunday. It is now definitely decided that the

Second and Fourth are the regiments assigned to Tampa and the Third to Washington. It is said that the Washington regiment may go to the Philip-

When Captain T. E. Grimsley, of Company H, Third Regiment, muster ed in his company a day or two ago several men refused to volunteer. Cap tain Grimsley took their uniforms from them and drummed them out of camp.

The Richmond Dispatch says: The first regiment to be ordered away is the one that has its full quots mustered in first. The Second lacks only three companies, while the Third lacks five, and the Fourth seven. If General Nalle adheres to his recent order that companies be mustered in according to the order of their arrival at camp, the Third will be the last that is gotten ready, since Captain Willard's company, of the Third, will be the

ast to arrive It is positively known that General Fitz-hugh Lee is to command a corps in the volunteer army of invasion, which is to follow close after the column of regulars under General Shafter. The corps under General Lee will be made up corps under General Lee will be made up of troops on the ground when the expedition is ready to leave Tampa, so the Virginians are desirous of getting away as soon as possi-ble in order to be under General Lee.

No man can say when the troops will be ordered away; no man knows. But it would seem, in view of recent communications from the War Department to Governor Tyler, that it will not be many hours after the first Reg-iment is ready before marching orders will

be received.
General Lee does not think that the war will be of long duration, and he is strongly inclined to the belief that the army will have little or no nighting to do.

ENLISTMENT OF MINORS .- An important opinion was handed down in the United States Circuit Court of Ap peals in Richmond yesterday bearing upon the legality of the enlistment of minors in the United States army. The case was that of Simon Solomon, sher iff of Henrico county, against W. R. The decision of Judge Davenport. Hughes in the lower court was reversed and it is ordered that Davenport be returned to the custody of Sheriff Solomon. Davenport deserted the United Strtes army about a year ago, when he was 20 years old, and through habeas corpus proceedings sought to escape trial by court-martial on the grounds that he was not of age when he enlisted and had joined the army without the consent of his parents. Judge Waddill, representing Davenport in the District Court, before Judge Hughes, succeeded in securing the release of his client, but the government appealed

PROM THE PHILIPPINES. The steamer Esmeralda, which has just arrived at Hong Kong from Manila and with four hundred refugees, chiefly Chinese, reports that the United States cruisers Concord expect prompt capitulation, and to recapture the American ship Saranac with a cargo of coal. The blockade at Manila is extremely rigid, and several foreign ships have been re-fused admittance.

The rebels are useless as allies of Admiral

Dawey. They are interfy disunited, quite half of them being in favor of Spain. The Cavite arsenal was found empty. Colonel Miquel, of the artillery, committed suicide because he discovered that the ammunition was non-exister t.

Captain General Augusti is trying to conciliate the rebels, and has authorized the es-tablishment of native councils. The Arch-bishop of Manila, in a pastoral issued on the Sth instant, said:
"Christians, defend your faith against here

ties, who raise an insuperable barrier to immortal souls, exsiave the people, abolish crosses from cemeteries, forbid pastors to perform baptism, matrimony or funeral lites, or to administer consolation or grant absolution." Pending the arrival of troops from the United States the Americans defer hostilities

The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going long-est and most regularly by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. Charles G. Lennon,

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

The Troops in Richmond. RICHMOND, Va., May 18.—Capt. Jos. E. Willard's company has been ordered | The daughter of Senator Morgan, the E. Willard's company has been ordered to report here on Sunday morning. Senior Senator from Alabama, broke a bottle of wine at the christening. A There is no prospect of the troops going large party of Washingtonians, includaway within the next ten days.

War Bulletins.

yard at Norfolk, Va.

New York. May 19.—The Commercial Cab'e
Company sent out the following notice today: "The United States authorities declare that all messages containing information of prospective naval movements and current military operations are inimical to the United States and are consequently forbidden. If any such matter is found it it will be stricken nt by the censor."

cut by the censor."

KEY WEST, Fla., May 18.—The Dauntless (dispatch boat) arrived here this morning and brought the detailed account of the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico by a part of the fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Sampson on May 12 last. [An account of this bombardment has heretofore been published]

Execution at Warrenton.

WARRENTON, Va., May 18 .- To day at 5:48 a. m. the sentence of death was carried out in the case of Jim Eskins, colored, for attempted criminal assau't upon a white girl, aged 11 years, named

Wagler, the child's father, in the neigh-borhood of Bealeton, in this county. He was employed by Wagler as a farm hand, staying in the house, and on the morning of the 29th made the attempt. Eskins fled, but was overtaken at Elwood, Culpeper county, the same day and brought to Warrenton that evening. That night as a precaution Judge White sent Eskins to Alexandria for safe keeping. On the Friday following, April 1st, he was brought back to Warrenton. A jury was impanelled. counsel assigned to defend him, and in a crowded court room the trial was bagun at 10:30 o'clock, lasting until 3:30 that afternoon. The jury, after being out one hour, returned a verdict of guilty, and the judge sentenced him to hang last Friday, but he was respited until to-day and sent to Alexandria to prevent lynching. He was brought pack to this place yesterday afternoon.

The Control of the Philippines. SAN FRANCISCO, May 18 .- A dispatch from Victoria, B. C., says: J. Stuart Jones, the Manila sugar mer-chant prince, has arrived on the Emffective self government. A strong party in Japan is said to be trying hard to force premier Ito into the affairs of the island, making community of interests and contiguity of territory an excuse for intervention. It is declared, however, that Ito declines to interfere and threatens to resign if pressed too far. Residents of Manila, who have arrived in Victoria declare that weeks before the declaration of war, the Philippine insurgents had assurance of American support, and immediately resumed hostilities with arms and ammunition directly obtain-

ed from Japan. Mobilization of Troops. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 18 .-Trains have followed each other in rapid succession to-day and this afternoon. There are about 15,000 volunnumber of regiments not able to obtain transportation to the park on account of the great rush remained in the city over night. The various regiments which arrived before noon yesterday are comfortably settled in camp and are well provided for. Twenty cars of provisions were received to-day and now there is plenty to feed the army for some time. Uniforms, equipments and general supplies in immense amounts are en route. The work of organiza-

tion continues rapidly. NEW YORK, May 18 .- It is the general opinion at Camp Townsend, Peeks kill, that the camp will come to an end by Saturday night. The 8th and the 9th are the only regiments in camp. The latter will likely leave for Washington to-morrow night.

A Missionary Rescued. LONDON, May 18 .- Mail advices received here to-day from Freetown, the capital of the British colony of Sierre eone, West Africa, give details of the rescue of Miss Muller, an American mis-ionary, who was alone in the mission house, in the Sherboro district when it was invaded by natives in rebellion against the hut tax, Terrible experiences are recounted by the advices. For three days there was awful bloodshed throughout the town while natives were engaged in the work of massacre and destruction. A boat's crew from a British warship just reached the mission house in time to rescue Miss Muller. A number of the native frightfully besmeared with blood of earlier victims had already surrounded the mission when the soldiers appeared on the scene.

Reserves for the Navy. CLEVELAND, O., May 18 .- The Ohio

naval reserves desire to enlist as a body but the government will not accept them as such. Lieut. Hawley has been lastructed to go to Chicago with his recruiting staff to enlist the Illinois reserves. He expects to get a lot of men for the navy from the Chicago reserves. NEW YORK. May 18 .- The naval reserves who have passed the examina tions for individual enlistment into the United States navy from Ohio, Illinois and Michigan will arrive in this city either Friday or Saturday. They will be immediately put to work 'on naval practices and tactics until wanted for he auxiliary cruisers.

A Cashier Indicted.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- The grand ury in the United States District Court nes found true billsof indictment against Wm. Steele, the former cashier of the Chestnut Street National Bank, covering 122 counts. The defendant is charged with aiding and abetting William M. Singerly in misapplying funds of the bank and making false reports to the comptroller of the currency.

E. S. Parker. Sharon. Wis, writes:-"1 have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for itching piles and it always stops them in two minutes. I consider DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the greatest pile cure on the market."

The Alabama Launched. PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- The battleship Alabama was successfully launched at Cramp's shipyard at 12:50 tc-day. ing many department people and the Alabama delegation, attended.

The Alabama is the first to be launchseagoing tug J. D. Jones from the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company and the tug has been sent to the new battleships of her type, the other two being the Illinois and Wisconsin. She presents marked divergencies of design from the first type, the other two being the Illinois and Wisconsin. three, the Oregon, Indiana and Massa-chusetts. The differences involve both the arrangement of the battery and the disposition of the armor, as well as a considerable increase in size and displacement. The main battery of the Alabama will consist of four 13-inch guns in turrets and fourteen 6-inch rapid-firing guns The secondary battery consists of seventeen 6-pounder rapid fi e guns, six one-pounder rapid fire guns and four gatlings. The general dimen-sions of the Alabama are as follows: Length over all 374 feet; breadth 72 feet, draught 23 feet 6 inches; displacement 11,520 tons. The guaranteed speed is to be 16 knots and the estimated horsepower 10,000.

Mr. Gladstone Dying.

HAWASDEN, May 18 .- During the crisis, at four o'clock this morning, Mr. Gladstone's breathing was 36 to to the minute and the members of his were summoned. The Rev. family The evidence in the case showed that some time during March Eskins, who was a tramp, went to the house of favorite, "Rock of Ages." When this was concluded Mr. Gladstone was heard to murmur "Our Father." Was neard to murmur our rather.

Mrs. Gladstone remained throughout the night at the hedside of her dying husband. She could not be induced to leave him even to take refreshments.

A bulletin issued at 5:30 o'clock this after-

noon said that Mr. Gladstone's strength was gradually failing, but that possibly he would yet linger for hours

The Methodists. BALTIMORE, May 18.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South this morning took up the election of the minor officers and on the first ballot chose Dr. Hoss to succeed himself as editor of the Daily Advocate, the official organ of the church, published in Neshville, Tenn. It then took two billots in an effort to elect a secresion of this question I shall confine myse the ordinance "referring the pressure of the ordinance myse." the first ballot chose Dr. Hose to suctary to the board of church extension. but had reached no conclusion when tolay's session adjourned. The new b shops will be ordained to-morrow afternoon.

Royal Arcanum.

chant prince, has arrived on the Empress of India en route to London Jerome Jones, his travelling companion from Manila, says that business on the island must stand still until assurance is given that some strong foreign power will assume control of the destinies of the islands, the residents, if successful in throwing off the yoke of Spain, being too incompetent and unstable for effective self government. A strong CLEVELAND, May 18 .- The annual tior. Upon this question there will be much discussion, the delegates being divided on the subject. The conven-tion is held behind closed doors.

Off to Manila.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 18 .- The cruiser Charleston got under way for Manila shortly after ten o'clock this morning. On the vessel are a number of newspaper correspondents.

The Charleston was heavily loaded

with ammunition for her own guns in addition to a large supply of powder and projectiles for Admiral Dewey's No troops were carried on the Charleston. The cruiser was heavily loaded with coal but will not have much left when she reaches Manila.

Favor an Alliance.

SHANGHAI, May 18.-The newspa ers here and public opinion in general strongly favor an Anglo-American alliance as proposed in the speech which Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, recently made at from the endorsements thereon, to have passed. It simply appears to have been

Rumoved Engagement.

LONDON, May 18 .- According to a dispatch from Havana published here to-day there has been an engagement off the port of Caibarien, province of Santa Clara, and, it is alleged, an American landing party has been repulsed.

The Spanish Squadron.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 18—Nothing is known here of the report from Porto Plats, San Domingo, to the effect that the panish Cape Verde squadron, commanded by Admiral Cervera, has arrived at Porto Bico. The latest news which reached Prince concerning the Spanish warships simply confirmed the report that they left Curacao, Dutch West Indies, on Sunday afternoon last, for an unknown destination, after having taken on board coal and provisions.

Tornado,

KINGMAN, Kan., May 18—A destructive tornade swept over the western part of this county last night about 6 o'clock. The town of Cunningham was almost swent off the ing People saw the cloud about twenty minutes before it struck the town and rushed to their cellars Nobody was seriously in jured. A good deal of stock was killed. The torm was preceeded by terrible rain and hail

Japanese Warships for Manila. VANCOUVER, B. C., May 18,—'On the 4th of May," says the purser of the steamer Empress of Japan, from Yokohame, "I learned from an officer on a Japanese warship that the commander of the float was ordered to proceed in all haste to Manila with four warships and protect. Japanese interests et all. ships and protect Japanese interests at all

BASEBALL.-The following is the result BASEBAIL.—166 following is the result of the National League gam: s played yester-day. Baltimore 9. Philadelphia 5; Baltimore 17, Philadelphia 2; New York 9, Wastington 3; New York 11, Washington 10; Eoston 12, Brooklyn 0; Chicago 13, Cleveland 6; Pittsburg 6, St Louis 0. The fol Won, Lost, Per Cent

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a called meeting of the Boars

Aldermen of Alexandria, Va., held May 17th, 1898, there were present: Wm. H. Marbury, esq. President, and Messrs. Havener, Dobie, Hinken, Curtin and

Sweeney.

A communication from his honor,

An ordinance referring the matter of ...

grading, paving and curbing of King street from the west crossing of Fairfax street the east crossing of Royal street, to the Conmittee on Streets for conside ation and report, and providing for notice to the propert owners on said street and for a hearing fore said committee, was received from Common Council, read three times and pa

by the following vote:

Ayes, Messrs. Havener, Doble, Hinker
Curtin, Sweeney and Mr. President Noes, none.

Mr. Havener moved to recomider the vol

taken at the last meeting on 'law imposing taxes on persons, etc," and it was parent by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Havener, Dobie, Hinker Curtin, Sweeney and Mr. President ---Noes, noue.

Upon the motion of Mr Hinken the vot taken at the last meeting on the petiti the R. Portner Brewing Company was r

sidered and their request granted by the Ayes, Messra. Havener, Dobie, Hinken Curtin, Sweeney and Mr. President

Noes, none. An ordinance appropriating \$50 for printing 250 copies of the City Charter of Alexandria, was received from the Common Counc. and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, Messre Havener, Dobie, Hinker
Curtin, Sweeney and Mr. President

Noes, none, The board then adjourned.

W. H. MARBURY, President Teste: R. E. KNIGHT, Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Comm cil of Alexandria, Va., held May 170

cil of Alexandria, Va., held May 171
1898, there were present:
Hubert Fnowden, esq., President, at
Messrs. Trimyer, Alton Moore, C. N. Moor
Strider, Birrell Brill, Harrison, Green
Smith, Un'er, and Kelly,
The following communications from them, Geo. L. Simpson, Mayor, was received.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 17, 1898
To the Honorable City Council of Alexand
Gentlemen—I have taken the liberty
convening you this evening to expedit

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

the ordinance "referring the matter of ing and paving King street to the Com on Streets for consideration and report, at etc." This ordinance was referred to the Street Committee of City Council, March 1898, and it was reported back with the following endorsement: "Reported back to the City Council by the Street Committee with the statement that after due notice to My aversion to throwing any obstacle in

torney and his opinion, herewith inclosed demonstrates the necessity of re-enacta ordinances. Respectfully, GEO. L. SIMPSON, Mayor ALEXANDRIA, VA., Mey 16, 1898.

Hon. Geo. L. Simpson, Mayor of the city of Alexandria Va.:

My Dear Sir—At your request I have ex-

willing to assume the responsibility of correctness I consulted our Corporation A

way of a much needed improvement su

ordinance, and animated by this idea

amined the valious ordinances in reference to the paving of King street from the west crossing of Fairfax street to the east crossing of Royal street, with the endorsemen

thereon.

It is well settled by the various decision on the subject that local assessments for street improvements can only be enforced when the various provisions of the law providing such assessments have been fully and sto complied with.

The first ordinance in this matter, re-

ting the matter to the Committee on Stree for consideration and report, does not apper from the minutes of the Common Council, passed. It simply appears to have been referred to the Committee on Streets, who action was concurred in by the Board of Al dermen. This would leave open the quesas to the right or power of the Committee Streets to summon the various property hers to be heard for or sgainst the improment. For this reason I think it would a visable to have these several ordinan again presented and regularly passed, so

no technical point can be raised by those whare opposed to the improvement. Respectfully submitted, GARDNER L. POOTHE

Corporation Attorney The following presented by Mr. Smith was adopted. Ayes 12, noss, 0.

An ORDINANCE referring the matter grading, paving and curbing of Kastreet, from the west crossing of Fairle

street to the east crossing of Royal street

to the Committee on Streets for consi-tion and report, and providing for notithe property owners on said street and a hearing before said committee.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Comcil of Alexandria, Virginia, That the Co mittee on Streets is hereby dire ted to coner the advisability of grading and pay King street, from the west crossing of Fall street to the east crossing of Royal street, wi vitrified brick on a six inch concrete inand curbing the same with a six inch gran curb set in concrete, a sum not exceeding two

owners of the real estate fronting on street as above described and the balan be paid by the Washington, Alexandria an Mount Vernon Bailway Company and from the treasury of the city.
Section 2. Be it further ordained. That a the owners of real estate fronting on street as above described shall be summe by at least ten days notice to appear such committee, at such date or dates as ton

be fixed by said committee, to be heard for or against such improvements. Section 3. This ordinance shall be in for from its passage.

The following presented by Mr. Greene was unanimously adopted:

Be it ordained. That the clerk of this Board be authorized and directed to have printed and bound in a convenient form copies of the City Charter of Alexan

copies of the City Charter of Alexandria and all the amendments to said charter, and for this purpose the sum of \$50, or as much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated. HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Teste: D. R. STANSBURY, Clerk How to Look Good.

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